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PRICE THREE CENTS



## Facts Without Whitewashing

We can keep on telling you a life-time long how good our goods are, and at what low prices we sell them at, but unless you have tried our CLOTHING and found it more satisfactory than others, our efforts to convince you will be in vain.

Our Spring Goods are coming in, and next week will see the end of the following low prices.

### Men's and Young Men's

## Overcoats

Unexampled offerings of good clothes at January prices. Here are the straight statements of fact:

Men's Melton Greatcoats, 52 inches long; Belt and Tourist Coats; \$15 and \$18 garments of all-wool fancy Scotch goods; year-end sale, \$12.50; worth up to \$18.00.



Men's 52-inch all-wool Frieze Greatcoats, serge lined; 46 and 48-inch Melton Box Coats and 52-inch all-wool Fancy Belt Overcoats; year-end sale... \$10.00. \$5.00 for \$7.50 and \$8.50 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$10.00. \$7.50 for \$10 and \$12 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.

### Men's and Young Men's

## Suits

Men's Custom Tailored Worsteds Suits, double and single breasted; year-end sale... \$10.00

Youths' all-wool Black and Fancy Suits; year-end sale... \$6.00

Youths' 50-inch Melton Overcoats and all-wool Fancy Belt Coats; year-end sale... \$8.00

Youths' Black Thibet and Fancy Worsteds Suits; year-end sale... \$8.00

Youths' 5-inch Black and Oxford Frieze Overcoats and Fancy Single and Double-Breasted Tourist Coats; year-end sale... \$8.00

Children's all-wool Blue Cheviot Eton Suits, sizes 3 to 8, and Double-Breasted and Norfolk Suits, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale \$1.95

Children's all-wool Russian Overcoats, sizes 3 to 8, and Oxford Melton Box Coats, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale... \$2.95

Children's Eton Suits, Russian Suits, 3 to 10, Double-Breasted Suits, Double-Breasted Suits and Three-Piece Suits, 8 to 16; year-end sale... \$4.95

\$5.00 for our \$7.50 and \$8.50 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$10.00.

\$6.00 for our \$8.50 and \$10 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$12.00.

\$7.50 for our \$10 and \$15 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.

\$8.50 for our \$12 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.00.

### Men's Women's and Children's Shoes

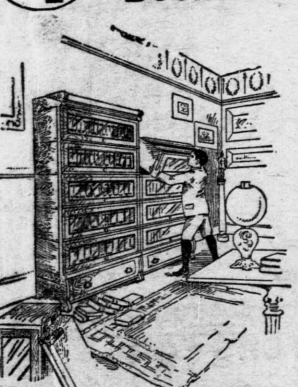
We handle a fine-line of Shoes in every conceivable style and price, it will pay to give us a call and see if this statement is not so. It would be impossible to describe this large stock as our advertising is limited. If you call and inspect them personally you will see what we claim is absolutely correct.

## THE GLOBE CLOTHING STORE

S. M. ROSENBERG, PROP.

MIDDLETOWN, - DELAWARE

### SECTIONAL Bookcases



The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detach the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

General line of FURNITURE. CARPETS, WINDOW SHADES UPHOLSTERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

Funeral Director and EMBALMER.

J. H. EMERSON, Middletown, Delaware.

## Planting Time

IS ALMOST HERE

AND YOU WILL SOON BE BUYING A SUPPLY OF

## NEW Seeds.

Before buying elsewhere it will pay you to stop and see us, look over our stock of Seeds, and get our price list. Following is a partial list of the many varieties which we handle:

"Sugar Marrowfat" and "First and Best" PEAS.  
"Rust Proof Wax" and "Early Red Valentine" BEANS.  
"Ford's" MAMMOTH LIMA BEANS.  
"Stowell's" EVERGREEN CORN.  
ONION SETS—Both kinds, White and Yellow.

A Few Other Articles to Which we Wish to Call Your Attention.

Smoked Herring, 15c doz. Best Sour Krout, 5c qt  
White Potatoes, 25c bask. Nice Little Fat Mackerel, 5c  
Boneless Cod Fish, 8c lb. Fresh Fish, 12 and 15c lb  
Best Buckwheat, 3c per lb.

Remember, we always carry a full line of FRESH and SALT MEATS, and STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

At the Corner Store, occupied by

Leon de Valinger

Penington Building Middletown, Del.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

#### Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

Harvesting by electric light has been introduced in Australia.

Carnegie says he loves Scotland best and America next best.

Obesity can be cured by alkaloids without starving, purging or overwork.

A dollar saved is a dollar earned and a dollar not loaned is the same thing.

Two-thirds of the male population of the world, it is estimated, use tobacco.

The children of the United States each year consume toys that cost at retail \$45,000,000.

Eighty-five and six tenths per cent. of the freight cars of the United States now have air brakes.

Russell Sage's secretary has gone into bankruptcy with liabilities of \$77,105 and assets amounting to \$100.

Often a big bluffer is called by a bigger one. Nothing wins so completely as a bluff when it is not called.

Swedish doctors never send bills to their patients. Each patient pays what he deems just or is able to give.

A stone house is not so durable as one of brick. A brick house well constructed will outlast one built of granite.

In Berlin young men have formed a society whose members pledge themselves to snatch birds from the hats of women.

Sweden and Norway are the only countries where practically every grown man can read and write. Bavaria comes next in this respect.

Six million pounds weight of adulterated and harmful foods were destroyed by the health department of New York during the last twelve months.

A peculiar fact is that 1905 began on Sunday and will end on Sunday, and therefore has fifty-three Sundays. This will not occur again in 110 years.

Since the beginning of the last century no fewer than 52 volcanic islands have risen from the sea. Nineteen have since disappeared and ten are inhabited.

The earth contains a quantity of salt equal to one-twentieth of its weight. The salt is dissolved little by little and hence the saltness of the ocean is increasing.

The river Jordan has long been considered the most winding river in the world, but it is not in the same class as the White river of Arkansas. This river flows 1,000 miles in going thirty miles as the crow flies.

Bill Nye used to tell of an Indiana man who successfully managed a skunk farm. "Last year," said Bill, "he worshipped at the Baptist church, but this year the congregation has paid his \$5 a week to worship in secret."

The seacoast of Maine is the most wonderful in the world. In a straight line it measures 225 miles, but when all the inlets and bays are counted the shore line is 1,846 miles. There are fifty-four lighthouses and twenty-three fog signals between Kittery Point and Quoddy Head.

The tide at Eastport has a rise and fall of eighteen feet two inches.

The Baldwin Locomotive works at Philadelphia has received the order for an order for 162 locomotives, the largest ever given here by a foreign nation. The Baldwin plant has received the contract for eighty-seven, and the Atlantic Equipment company of New York, twenty-five. A Glasgow, Scotland, firm secured the contract for fifty.

The success of the Japanese commissariat has set some of our military men to considering the value of fish as a part of the army ration. The Japanese use it in the form of "fish meal," prepared by removing the bones and compressing the remainder before cooking and smoking.

The meal keeps indefinitely, and insects do not attack it. It is used for soup, and shaved thin and cooked with rice. Upon rice the Japanese soldier in the field largely depends, with more concentrated and stimulating fare as an auxiliary. It is not unlikely that one result of the present war will be some reconsideration of the ration of the United States army, which is at present generous, but perhaps too heavy to be hygienically ideal.

An investigation in asylums in the United States, Canada and England, with a total of 16,512 patients, has shown that about 700 people with light hair, and only 66 with red or Auburn hair. That is, 96 per cent. of the insane are brunettes, with brown or black hair. Among the blonde insane, however, the percentage of incurables is much the greater—a fact, like that first stated, for which no explanation appears.

The programme of the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Delaware State Sunday School Association, to be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Newark, April 20th and 21st, is completed and is now in the hands of the printer and will shortly be given to the press.

Many prominent Delaware Sunday School workers will address the Convention or conduct conferences. Rev. E. Morris Ferguson, president of the International Field Workers' Association, already well known in Delaware and to Sunday School workers throughout America, will be one of speakers, and the Programme Committee has also secured Rev. L. W. Hainer of Norristown, one of Pennsylvania's finest Sunday School workers.

Special attention has been given to Primary work, and the Primary Conference will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting and helpful features of the Convention.

Each school in the State may send one delegate, and all State and County officers are ex-officio delegates.

Already keen interest is manifested and all things point to one of the largest and best conventions in the history of the Association.

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## MANY CHANGES AMONG THE PASTORS

Rev. C. T. Wyatt Leaves Bethesda Church—Assigned to Harrison Street, Wilmington

REV. A. W. LIGHTBOURNE, D. D., COMES TO MIDDLETOWN

After being in session since Wednesday of last week, the Wilmington M. E. Conference adjourned Monday night.

On the districts outside of Wilmington there were numerous changes made and on the Salisbury district it appeared as if comparatively few men had been left in their old places. There were also changes in a number of other places. In Wilmington and on the Wilmington district the changes were few.

A. W. Lightbourne comes to Middletown. C. T. Wyatt, who has been at Bethesda M. E. Church for the past three years, and who is an excellent young preacher, was sent to Harrison street, Wilmington.

Session Was Busy

The session of conference Monday was one of the busiest which has yet been held, and for a time it was expected that the appointments would not be made until Tuesday and the conference once practically decided to adjourn after the session in the afternoon until Tuesday morning. Bishop Goodsell sent word however that the appointments would be ready for the evening session and adjournment was therefore made until that time. Bishop Goodsell announced the following appointments:

Dover District

S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder. Beckwith—J. B. Cannon. Bridgeville—J. B. Cannon.

Burnsville—(Supply), J. K. Underhill. Cambridge—E. C. Macnichol. Camden—E. H. Nelson.

Canterbury—W. H. Hudson. Church Creek—T. H. Jones. Crapo—A. A. Bichell.

Denton—J. T. Richardson. Dover, Wesley—L. E. Barrett. Dover, Armory—T. N. Givan.

East New Market—F. J. Cochran. Ellendale—(Supply), H. E. Truitt. Elliott's Island—G. S. Thomas.

Farmington—J. W. Bailey. Federalsburg—T. F. Beauchamp. Felton—E. C. Sanford.

Frederica—William Cashmore. Galestown—J. A. Buckson. Georgetown—H. T. Quigg.

Georgetown Circuit—Harry Taylor. Greenwood—L. W. Layfield. Harrington—J. H. Beauchamp.

Hooper's Island—To be supplied. Houston—J. F. Anderson. Hurlock—G. W. Townsend.

Lakeville—(Supply), E. W. McDowell. Leipsic—(Supply), L. B. Morgan. Lewis—T. A. O'Brien.

Lincoln—J. W. Prettyman. Little Creek—(Supply), J. B. C. Hopkins. Magnolia—L. G. Fosnocht.

Milford—G. P. Jones. Milton—R. T. Coursey. Nassau—W. P. Compton.

Preston—Aloysius Green. Salem—To be supplied. Seaford—W. A. Wise.

Seaford Circuit—J. L. Johnson. Vienna—To be supplied. Williamsburg—H. B. Kato.

Williston—C. W. Strickland. Wyoming—G. P. Smith. Zoar—(Supply), T. S. Barrett.

P. H. Rawlins, agent stewards endowment fund, member of Stawards Quarterly Conference.

Alfred Smith, conference temperance evangelist, member Wesley Quarterly Conference at Dover.

Easton District

W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder. Bayside—(Supply), S. J. Moore.

Betterton—D. J. Ford. Bozman and Neavitt—Milton McCann. Cecilton—W. F. Dawson.

Centerville—H. G. Budd. Chesterdown—W. L. White. Cheswood—A. W. Goodhand.

Church Hill—W. C. Poole. Clayton—V. P. Northrup. Cordova—J. W. Gray.

Crumpton—O. T. Baynard. Easton—E. P. Roberts. Fairtree—W. E. Hubbard.

Galena—T. C. Smoot; Assistant, A. P. Prettyman. Greensboro—S. P. Shipman.

Henderson—(Supply), W. B. Harris. Hillsboro—D. J. Givan. Kent Island—F. C. McSorley.

Kenton—D. F. McFar. Maryland—E. H. Collins. Middletown—A. W. Lightbourne.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18th, 1905.

SENATOR Morgan of Alabama laid bare in the Senate Thursday the details of a plot which the Democrats describe as sensational regarding Santo Domingo affairs. He held the floor of the Senate all day and went into minute details regarding a alleged scheme of William Nelson Cromwell of New York to make the United States a party to the treaty by which private citizens would obtain certain valuable concessions, in Santo Domingo, and which without the guarantee of this country would be worthless.

Mr. Morgan asserted that the plot had been revealed to him by Mrs. Reeder a young woman from Alabama who with her husband had been operating as international speculators and whose business consisted in obtaining concessions in the South American Republics for railroads, power plants, etc. Mr. Morgan alluded several times to a "treaty" between the United States and Santo Domingo which had been drawn for the benefit of the Reeders but finally when it had been called for and read to the Senate, the Republicans of that body declared that the whole disclosure was a fiasco and that Mr. Cromwell, who is alleged to have operated with the Reeders, was a man of the highest moral and financial standing.

Mr. Morgan, nevertheless maintained that if an investigation were made it would disclose the fact that Mr. Cromwell had granted for all concessions of any consequence in Santo Domingo and that it was he who would be found responsible for all of the influence in favor of the United States taking charge of the finance of that country and thus making good his grants. In any case and whether or not Mr. Morgan was justified in his revelations of a plot against this government the Santo Domingo treaty is dead and beyond power of revival at this session.

Despite the fact that there were not enough votes to ratify it there was a re-assembling of the Republicans who had left for their homes. Senators Lodge, Kittridge and Doolittle were back in their seats Thursday and Senator Lodge was ready with a speech in support of the treaty but he could not get the floor. It is thought that nothing can be accomplished by prolonging the session of the Senate and it is probable that when this letter reaches you the Senators will have folded their tents.

The Committee of Interstate Commerce will, it is announced hold its sessions in Washington beginning about the middle of April to consider the subject of railway rate legislation which was also discussed without action at the close of the regular session. Several members of this committee are among those who will sail in July with Secretary Taft's party for an investigation of conditions in the Philippines, so that it is not likely that they will consume many weeks in the discussion of railroad rates.

The triennial convention of the Mother's Congress held in Washington has come to a close and by Sunday all of these National Mothers will have returned to their homes again and become for the most part just plain, ordinary mothers again. A number of them have decided to remain over in Washington until in April when the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their annual congress, for many of the Mothers are also Daughters and the Capital will thus not be deprived entirely of the spiritual influence and protection of these women organized as societies for the prevention and promotion of everything.

The sessions of the Mothers Congress here have been most successful. A number of speakers of National reputation have addressed them, the feature of course of the Congress being the address of President Roosevelt which has been quoted broadcast in this country and Europe. The French and German Ambassadors and the Japanese Minister have addressed the convention and given descriptions of the conditions affecting children in their countries.

Secretary of State Hay who has been ill a great part of the winter with a bronchial trouble has decided on the advice of his physician to take a long sea voyage this Spring. He will leave Washington about the end of the week and in order that he may be spared interviews and excitements the date of his sailing and the boat have not been announced. Mr. Loomis the first Assistant Secretary of State who is also away for the benefit of his health will not return to Washington until April third. After the President leaves for his trip through the Southwest any business of the State Department outside of the routine work will be referred to Secretary Taft, and as Mr. Hay will return before Secretary Taft leaves on his Philippine trip the Department will not be left without a head. Mr. Loomis, it is said is the author of the original Santo Domingo treaty which has proved such an embarrassment to the administration and the leaving of Secretary Taft in charge of the State Department is probably done with a view to avoiding any awkward situations in our relations with other governments in which inexperience in the conduct of the State Department might involve us.

The date of the President's departure for the Southwest and his hunting trip has not yet been announced but now that Congress is off his hands it is probable that he will make it as early as possible. Nobody who knows the President will doubt that he is eager for the change from weddings, dinners, and Cabinet meetings, from paved streets and flags and the tipping of many hats, from a dress and a set smile for the idyllic woods and the society of the cowboy where a "billed" shirt and a razor have never penetrated. There with a mustang and his gun he can be forgetful of the trials of the State, Congress, which has tried his patience for three and a half long months.

### OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

A woman likes to be truly loved and to be told so. Misery is about the only real enjoyment of the pessimist.

Silk bad clothes are the latest fad in high society in London.

To remove the odor of paint from a room, slice several onions in a pail of water.

Happy are you if you understand your sewing machines and all about mending.

An Ohio man has sued for a divorce because his wife said he looked like a monkey.

There's nothing in this world that's as ready to come when you invite it as trouble.

Every time a widower looks at an unmarried woman the gossip proceeds to get busy.

You can make a faded dress perfectly white by washing it in boiling cream of tartar water.

The average woman's idea of being noble is to speak well of some church besides her own.

Don't let insomnia get the upper hand. By all means in your power try to break up the habit.

There was more money spent last year for liquor than for all missions both orthodox and Catholic.

Adam should have been a very happy man. He never had to pay a dressmaker's bill or build the fires.

If an apple or orange is placed in a jar of fresh cookies it will impart to the cookies a delicate flavor.

The child that grows up in a progressive, happy home is very apt to raise children in a progressive, happy home.

Obesity is dangerous. Insurance companies will not take risks who are more than 30 per cent. over weight.

Rub a little thin cold starch over windows or mirrors and wipe off with soft cloth. This produces the most shiny results.

The girl who wants to look natty in the spring will get herself together a white coat and skirt suit, either cloth or corduroy.

Many country girls think they would like to be on the stage. It's a hard life and they are far better away from the footlights.

If you have no children, friend, beg or borrow one. Take a poor little foundling from his forlorn asylum home, and watch his heart warm, his brain develop, and his sad eyes sparkle.

Apples aid the stomach in the digestion of other foods and therefore the best results are obtained from eating them rather than before meals.

When cooking food if it becomes slightly scorched place the dish containing it, at once in a basin of cold water and the scorched taste will disappear.

The girl with a sallow complexion will do well to eat oranges. Not one orange alone at breakfast time but four or five a day. This works wonders.

There are some persons whom to meet always gives one a greater courage and hope, as if there were more nobleness and high purpose in the world than one thinks.

There are many, many actresses who have had three divorces. Among the men of the stage the custom of trying many spouses before settling upon a life mate is followed as promiscuously as among the women.

A baby's tiny hand clasped around his mother's finger has stilled many a heart-throb of sorrow and a bitter trouble; a baby's arms around his father's neck have brought to the man's weary brain a renewal of that love which is all that makes life livable.

If you are 5 feet 6, the hips should be thirty-eight inches; if 5 feet 1, the hips should be thirty-three inches. For every inch of height added to 5 feet 3 add one inch to your hip measure. For every inch less than your stature may be deducted one inch from your hip measure.

A woman of 5 feet 3 who has allowed her waist to shape itself comfortably within an easy corset or corset waist will allow the dressmaker to set down her measure as twenty-four and one-half inches. For every added inch of height her waist increases three-quarters of an inch.

IMPROVING HUMAN BEAUTY:

The April Twentieth Century Home contains the first of three articles which it will publish by Dr. J. Madison Taylor, on "Conservation of Human Beauty." Probably none has given greater study to the subject of physical attractiveness than Dr. Taylor, and his articles published in scientific and technical papers have drawn wide attention to his theories. The theme which Doctor Taylor discusses in his first article is physical betterment, the particular phase that of comeliness, the chief factor in the shape and poise of the body. The purpose of the articles is to place a subject, too often made the object of scorn or flippancy, upon the plane which it deserves.

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### NO SENATOR

United States Senator Allee will have to carry the responsibility of representing Delaware in the Senate for the next two years. Rightly or wrongly, the Republicans believe that he alone held the Addicks vote solidly together and prevented an election. The seven members elected as Union Republicans who joined with the Republicans of New Castle County in an earnest endeavor to choose a worthy successor to Dr. Ball, are deserving of much praise. Knowing the conditions under which they were elected, and the promises made by or on behalf of the leaders of the Union Republicans, and realizing the necessity of fulfilling these pledges and of preserving the party, they withstood all the arguments, pleadings and threats that were their daily portion.

What the outcome of the situation will be, is very problematical. In the previous similar cases, conditions have been different. Then, Addicks had money and the Union Republicans were a unit in demanding "Addicks or Nobody." To-day, their organization is split into two factions and it is generally believed that Addicks is financially broken. Then again, in 1906 the retiring state officials and the county officials of Kent and Sussex will be chiefly Union Republicans. The Republicans can carry this County, but can the Union Republicans carry the two lower ones. It must be remembered that after the failure to elect in 1895, the Democrats sent Mr. Kenney to the Senate in 1897. If such is the result of the present hold out, Senator Allee will lose his seat and Delaware will probably be represented by Messrs. Sausbury and Kenney.

### SMALL

The action of the five Democratic and one Union Republican Representative in voting against the resolution of thanks to Speaker Denny is one of the smallest, meanest things in the history of the state. The resolution, which was in the form usually adopted by all public bodies on the closing of their business, received 27 votes to 6 against, two of the members being absent. Therefore, nothing came of their action except an exhibition of their own smallness and meanness.

### OF INTEREST TO SPORTSMEN

DEAR SIR:—In view of the fact, that the recent winter, practically exterminated the few Quail (partridge) and that the Legislature did not attempt to protect them, a number of sportsmen throughout the State realize the necessity of taking the following heroic measure:

Knowing that you are interested either as an agriculturist, sportsman or both, we do not hesitate to solicit your co-operation and assistance in this project, as it appears to you individually.

After carefully considering the situation we are of the opinion that a person who will willingly assist towards the purchase of some of the best of birds for restocking purposes, will naturally try to protect and preserve them, as well as discourage wanton and illegal slaughtering of them.

We also believe that the sportsman that does not assist in propagating these birds, is the one who would adopt unsportsmanlike methods in order to "get his" and some other bodies share, but by this plan each individual who does contribute, is then personally interested, (for who is justified in being a witness to the destruction of any thing his money has purchased, without offering a protest) hence the non-contributor will be more certain of getting "all that is coming to him" when the magistrate enters the game.

Cash will be solicited only from those who live, visit, hunt or shoot in this immediate vicinity, as all the birds we are able to purchase will be distributed, according to the amount donated in this community.

Mr. William W. Freeman, the barber at Middletown, Del., has consented to act as Treasurer of the fund, and will gladly give you credit for any amount you consider you can conveniently spare for this worthy object.

Try to interest your friends and suggest that they add a little to the fund, for the more we interest the more efficient will the protection be. It is our object to purchase only Northern Quail and not the cheaper Southern migratory variety.

Yours Respectfully,  
Volunteer Secretary.

### THE SIMPLE LIFE

The author of "The Simple Life" needs no introduction to American readers, and his admirers will be glad to know that the first article he has written since his return to France appears in the April issue of "The French Mother." It is called "The French Mother," and in the charming study of maternity he has not failed to institute comparisons with the mothers of America as he has observed them.

### TWO PREACHERS GUILTY

Fifteen of his fellow-preachers of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference Saturday afternoon declared Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran guilty of "gambling, high imprudence in stocks, and being suspended from the ministry of the church for one year. Dr. Corkran immediately announced that he would appeal to the judicial court of the General Conference of the Church, which is the supreme appellate body of Methodism in this country.

Dr. Corkran has been one of the foremost ministers of the Wilmington Conference, twice a presiding elder and twice a delegate from this Conference to the General Conference. Until last June, when he was suspended by a committee of clergy, whose decision has now been approved.

After a brief session Monday the select number or special committee of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, appointed to hear the case of the Rev. C. S. Baker, returned a verdict on all three charges which had been brought and he was deposed from the ministry. The result of the trial occasioned considerable surprise as it was expected that the punishment in the case would be the same as in the case of Dr. Corkran.

Under this verdict Dr. Baker is dropped from the ministry and cannot enter again unless the consent of the Wilmington M. E. Conference is obtained. He is still a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but is merely a layman.

### LOCAL OPTION WINS FOR KENT

DOVER, DEL., March 23.—After one of the most strenuous days that ever featured a Delaware Legislature, the Kent county local option bill was passed by the Senate and its amendments were concurred in by the House half an hour later to-day. It now awaits Governor Lea's signature to become a law.

Senator Monaghan was the only member to vote against it in the Senate. Senator Lingo not voting. Representatives Mahoney, Sevier and Willard S. Meredith were the only members of House to vote against the Senate amendments. It was a complete triumph for the temperance advocates, despite tremendous obstacles.

The Senate amendment divorces the general and local option election and separate polling places and election officers are provided for. The local option polls will close half an hour earlier than the general election polls.

Manufacturers, in the event of "No license" prevailing, are given two years to dispose of their stock and holders of retail licenses will be allowed to finish their year. The liquor members of House consented to the amendment before it was passed by the Senate, which accounts for the withdrawal of opposition. The liquor men are glad to get an opportunity at local option by divorcing it from politics. They say it gives every advantage to them. They claim in the first place it requires a majority of all the qualified voters in Kent to vote "No license" before it closes the saloons. Again, nothing in the bill prevents an election being held in a cellar or garret or barn. There was a scare in the House when the local option bill was reported missing. Speaker Denny had it in his side coat pocket.

### WILL THE BALLOT DEGRADE WOMEN

BY HON. EDWARD LAUTERBACH  
"Objection is often made that the use of the ballot will degrade women, and that our chivalric instincts will not permit her to suffer herself to be lowered from her high estate. Glorious chivalry, that exhibits itself in selflessly caring for those directly connected in interest with us and refusing to turn ear to the thousands whose needs should equally demand our attention! Degraded by the use of the ballot! The more assertion is an insult to the whole American republican system of government.

"Is this degradation to women to come about because of their association with men in political life? Surely we are not willing to say prematurely of ourselves that our characteristics are such that the women of our families cannot go openly in the light of day to any ballot-box as American citizens, and cast their vote without fear of insult! On the contrary, the rudeness that might be excusable if it had never existed, when they shall join with us in these political functions. Their influence will be as ennobling there as it has been in social life. I repeat the insult which this statement implies, in the name of every American gentleman. High or low, rich or poor, I resent the aspersion against the ballot, that it ever degrades. It elevates, ennobles, never lessens; it never injures; it never can destroy."

### CECILTON

Miss Anna O'Neil is on the sick list. Miss Amy Culbertson spent Sunday last with Miss Mary Dawson.

Miss May Dushane, of Blacks, is visiting her cousin, Miss Julia P. Dushane. Lenten services will be held in the Chapel every Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock. All are invited.

Miss Blanche VanBuskirk and sister, Miss Penola, of Baltimore, are visiting their grandparents, John Morris and wife.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson, of Sassafras, and Miss Mary Anderson, of Still Pond, have been spending a few days with their parents, Robert Anderson and wife.

Richard Smith, wife and daughter, of Elkton; Ward Smith, wife and children, of Wilmington; and Thomas Smith, of Camden, N. J., have been spending a few days in town with relatives.

Our town was grieved and greatly shocked by the death of two of our aged citizens: Mrs. Margaret Annandale Price, wife of J. Hyland Price, passed away on Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock, aged 73 years. Services were held at the home at 1:30 on Friday; interment in Forest Cemetery. Mrs. Catharine Smith whose death occurred at 2:50 on Tuesday morning was aged 81 years. Services were held in the M. E. Church on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock; interment in Cecilton Cemetery. To add to the general grief, news was received of the untimely death of one of our young men, William Shelton, aged 22, of pneumonia, in a hospital in Philadelphia. Funeral services were held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Shelton on Friday afternoon; interment was made in Cecilton Cemetery.

### LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS—NO SENATOR

Many Leading Politicians Gather to Witness the Closing Scenes

DOVER, March 23.—The final day of the General Assembly and the last ballots for United States Senator attracted a very large crowd to the State Capitol at noon to-day when the concluding joint session began in the House chamber. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and as was to be expected, excitement ran high. The Republican members were hoping that at the last moment some solution of the problem could be arrived at whereby the deadlock would be broken and a Senator elected to succeed ex-Senator L. Heister Ball.

A report was current that Senator Allee would be persuaded to resign, that T. Coleman DuPont, of Wilmington, would be elected to fill his unexpired term of two years, and that Allee would then be chosen for the full six year term.

Silence of an ominous nature prevailed while the roll was being called. When the first ballot was taken it was: John Edward Addicks, U. R., 15; Henry A. DuPont, Reg. Rep., 14; Willard Sausbury, Dem., 13; James H. Hughes, Dem., 8; T. Coleman DuPont, Reg. Rep., 2. Total vote 52; (the full number); necessary to a choice 27, no election.

To-day's seving up of the senatorial situation is the result of a political move mapped out early by the Union Republican leaders. They pretended they desired J. Edward Addicks elected Senator although they admit freely that Mr. Addicks never can be elected senator by Republican votes. But the candidacy of Mr. Addicks, the slogan of "Addicks or nobody," furnished exactly the pretext needed to deadlock the Legislature in order to enlance the prospects of United States Senator J. Frank Allee to return to the Senate two years hence. Friends of Senator Allee reckoned that if a vacancy was created this year, Mr. Allee's chances of being re-elected two years hence by a possible combination with the Regular Republicans would be greater than if he permitted Colonel DuPont to be elected this year. Whether Senator Allee took this same view is not known. At any rate Senator Allee pinned himself down to the election of Mr. Addicks to the Senate this year as the only possible way of solving the situation. That Mr. Addicks could not be elected by Republican votes was amply demonstrated two years ago. That the sentiment had not become any more favorable to him and that it was really stronger against him was shown during the present session, when seven men deserted him. Every proposition, every suggestion to elect Mr. Addicks was unqualifiedly rejected by the Regular Republican leaders and by the nine Regular Republican Assemblymen at Dover this year. They illustrated clearly that their policy was to prevent Mr. Addicks going to the Senate, rather than to send any particular man to the Senate.

Again, some Union Republicans anticipated that Senator Allee, by being Delaware's sole senator will control the Federal patronage in Delaware.

CLAIMS ALLOWED IN LEGISLATURE

Appropriation Bill Passes Both Houses and Expenditures are provided

DOVER, DEL., March 23.—The claims bill, which was passed by the Legislature this morning, makes the following appropriations: Senate—Philip L. Cannon, \$50; I. T. Parker, \$20; A. B. Conner, \$300; each Senator, \$300; J. Edward Goslee, clerk, \$1200; Abraham L. Tyre, reading clerk, \$750; C. Sherburne Rice, enrolling clerk, \$750; the Rev. George P. Smith, chaplain, \$75; Henry M. Lang, sergeant-at-arms, \$300; Theodore L. Cooke, page, \$50; Elmer I. Abner, telephone operator, \$175; James M. Satterfield, attorney, \$1000.

House—William B. Denney, Speaker, \$300; Thomas S. Lewis, clerk, \$1200; Theodore Burton, reading clerk, \$750; A. V. Lesley George, enrolling clerk, \$750; W. Burton Macklin, sergeant-at-arms, \$300; Francis M. Walker, attorney, \$1000; Albert S. Polk, attorney, \$1000; each member of the House, \$300; the Rev. J. H. Mitchell, chaplain, \$75.

Good Feeling in Senate

In the Senate there was a pleasing scene when Senator Latta, Democrat, presented a written resolution of thanks to Lieutenant Governor Parker for the "full share of respect shown the minority representation in the Senate of Delaware."

Sensor Monaghan, of Wilmington, made an address on the resolutions declaring that his compact with his fellow members, many of whom are opposite to him in more ways than one, have been the source of extreme gratification. Mr. Sparks, also of Wilmington, extended sincere thanks to the Democratic minority, especially for their co-operation and assistance to a Republican majority in the enactment of good laws and their unanimity in confirming the appointments of a Republican Governor.

President Parker called President Pro Tempore Conner to the chair and delivered an exhortation in true Methodist fashion which evoked much commendation. "May the blessings of God go with you and should we never meet again in a legislative body, let each of us take his place in life and make the world better."

"SOULS ON FIRE"

The greatest story of the year by Louis Tracy, famous author of "The Wings of the Morning" and "The Pillar of Light," will be exclusive to the readers of the color magazine given free with each copy of The Philadelphia Press, beginning Sunday, March 26th. The Sunday Magazine will be the only publication in America where this great story may be read. By special arrangement with Mr. Edward J. Clode, Mr. Tracy's American publisher, this story will not appear in any other published form until 1906.

England, Russia and America furnish the principal characters in this remarkable and timely story. Love and thrilling adventure is the theme, as in all of Mr. Tracy's most successful work. The action begins with a bomb thrown in Tottenham Court Road, some sensational disclosures in the Russian colony in England, and then shifts to the castle of a Russian provincial governor, or "Little Czar," whose subjects are in revolt at his intrigues. The plot affords superb opportunity for a brilliant display of the author's swift imagination, and in almost equally interesting display of his intimate knowledge of Russian life of to-day.

### ST. GEORGES

W. J. Gambel spent Sunday with his family in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swain spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Miss Edna Stetson, of Clearfield, Pa., is visiting her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. DeWitt.

Fredus Van Hinkle visited friends in Philadelphia Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Mary Roberts, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts.

Mrs. Nickerson and daughter spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart.

Miss Carrie Straub, of New Castle, spent part of this week with her mother, Mrs. Henry Straub.

Rev. J. Golegan, of Girdlestone, Md., was the guest of James Paynter and family on Wednesday.

Cleaver Bryan has accepted a position in Bucksons store, made vacant by Clement Cannon, resigned.

Mr. John Jester, of Middletown, has bought and is now occupying the Brinton property on Delaware street.

Mr. James White who has resided in this town for the past three years has moved his family to Clayton.

James Roberts, of near Glasgow, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, on Monday.

Mrs. Fritz and sons Brooks, Frank and Stewart, of Wilmington, are spending the week with Mrs. Laura Jones.

Mr. Edward Lester, Sr., has given up farming and moved his family to the Newton property on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson spent a part of this week with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Stapleford, near New Castle.

Grover Gray, of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., spent a part of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Gray.

Miss Amanda Moore entertained a few friends on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Louisa Ellison, whose future home is to be in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Charles Wright and daughter, Miss Alva, returned to their home in Baltimore on Wednesday after a ten days' visit to D. C. Wolfe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckson entertained a number of friends on Monday evening in honor of Miss Bessie Webb, of Kennedyside. The evening was very enjoyable spent in playing games, music and dancing. Refreshments were served. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carrow, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray, Miss Hattie Carrow, Miss Lucie Hill, Miss Bessie Webb, Miss Edith Gibbons, Messrs. Clement Cannon, Harry Reynolds, Raymond Cannon, Frank Van Hinkle and others.

Simpers Case on Monday

The trial of John M. Simpser, for the murder of Albert Constable, is set for Monday. The writ for the accused was issued from the Court of Cecil County on Thursday and will be made returnable on Monday, when his counsel may or may not object to his trial proceeding.

### SHOPPING FOR GLOVES?

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### SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle County, State of Delaware,

ON THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 1905, At 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot of land and the building thereon erected situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Tenth street with the westerly side of Pine street; thence westerly by said side of Tenth street sixty-eight feet to its intersection with the easterly side of an alley five feet wide running parallel with Pine street from Ninth street to Tenth street; thence southerly along said side of alley, eighty feet to a corner; thence easterly and parallel to Tenth street passing through the middle of the brick division wall of this house and the one adjoining with the southerly side of Tenth street, to the southerly side of Pine street, and thence there by northerly eighteen feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may, with the free use and privilege of the southerly side of Tenth street of the above mentioned alley in common with others entitled thereto forever. Also the right and use of a certain terra cotta drain leading from the rear of this and the other house into Tenth street sewer, subject nevertheless to a proportionate share of the costs of keeping said alley and drain in good order and repair.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Mary A. McGillin, administratrix of Thomas McGillin, deceased, and the said Mary A. McGillin, surviving mortgagee, and to be sold by

HARRY I. GILLIS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., March 14, 1905.

### SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Vend. Exp. to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle County, State of Delaware,

ON THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 1905, At 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, viz:

All those certain lots or pieces of land situate in the city of Wilmington, bounded and described as follows, to wit: No. 1 being situated on the easterly side of Ninth avenue, between Coleman and Duncan streets, and being twenty (20) feet wide on Ninth avenue, and eighty (80) feet deep, and more particularly described in Deed Record S, Vol. 14, Page, 124, &c.

No. 2 being situated on the westerly side of Ninth avenue, between Coleman and Duncan streets, and being eighty (80) feet wide on Ninth avenue, and one hundred and twenty (120) feet in depth, and more particularly described in Deed Record Q, Vol. 14, Page 524, &c.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Margaret Richenberger, administratrix of Manuel Richenberger, deceased, and to be sold by

HARRY I. GILLIS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, March 14, 1905.

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ON THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 1905, At 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of land situate in the City of Wilmington, State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Seaver street, eighty feet north-easterly from the northerly side of Front street, thence easterly parallel with Front street seventy-five feet, thence northerly parallel with Seaver street twenty-eight feet four inches, thence westerly parallel with Front street seventy-five feet to said easterly side of Seaver street, and thence thence southerly twenty-nine feet four inches more or less, to the place of beginning.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Adelaide Evans, administratrix of James Otley Evans, deceased, and the said Adelaide Evans (Ada Evans) surviving mortgagee, and to be sold by

HARRY I. GILLIS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., March 13, 1905.

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### PROCLAMATION.

By authority of law, and in harmony with established custom, I, Preston Lea, Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby designate the thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1905, as

### Arbor and Bird Day.

To promote protection to trees and birds, and to awaken an interest in arboriculture, with a view not only to engender a healthy public spirit in regard to them, but also to stimulate a hearty co-operation on the part of citizens of this State in the preservation of the remnants of our forests and the protection of our birds, it is recommended that this day be observed by all public schools, private schools, colleges and other institutions, by the planting of trees and the adornment of the school and public grounds and by suitable exercises, having for their object the advancement of the study of arboriculture and the promotion of the spirit of protection of our birds and trees and the cultivation of an appreciative sentiment concerning them.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Preston Lea, Governor of the State of Delaware, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, at Dover, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and the year of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-ninth.

By the Governor, PRESTON LEA. JOS. L. CAHALL, Secretary of State.

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1:54, 4:17 and 5:36 p. m.  
South Bound—12:30, 2:15, 3:45 and 11:38 a. m.  
4:45, 5:45 and 7:30 p. m.  
Mails close as follows:  
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 11:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m.  
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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MCH. 25, 1905.

## Local News.

Cold boiled ham get it at ARMSTRONG'S. If you want lamb chops get them at ARMSTRONG'S.

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Be sure and notice our special ad. on the front page of this issue. It will pay you. LEON DE VALINGER.

FOR RENT.—Stable on West Main street. Possession given March 25th, next. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

We can save you 25 cents on the dollar in Shoes. Read our ad. in to-day's issue. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR SALE.—A good second-hand Double Heater, cost \$50. Will sell for \$15. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

FOR SALE.—Green Mountain Seed Potatoes. T. R. BRADSHAW, Odessa, Del.

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If you have poultry, butter and eggs to sell you want the highest cash price paid. Get it at ARMSTRONG'S.

After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8:30 o'clock, P. M.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Single Comb Brown Leghorns seventy five cents per setting of 15 from my great laying strain. Send for circular and prices by the hundred. T. E. CLAYTON, Mr. PLEASANT, DEL.

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Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 16th: Mrs. Mary Blackson, Mrs. Elsie Fonten, Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Emma R. Tiller, Edward Clark, Harry Harris, James Malone and Albert Starkey.

With the disappearance of ice, wild ducks began to appear in large numbers in the rivers, and since that time the shooting has been very good. Ducks are more plentiful than they have been for several seasons, and quite a number of them have been killed by local sportsmen. The season closes April 15th.

Please note! We are HEADQUARTERS for WOVEN PICKET FENCE, the closest and best made fence in the market. Barb and Plain Wire, and Galvanized Corrugated Roofing of Standard thickness, and the best quality. Prices as low as the lowest. G. E. HUKILL.

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"The champion hen story of the season at Sudlersville." Mrs. John Green has, perhaps, the most profitable lot of hens in the country. She has about 80 hens in the yard, and has sold from January 1st to March 18th dozen eggs, besides setting two hens and using what was needed in the family. She has one hen that weighs 11 pounds, and it laid an egg recently measuring three inches in length and weighing a quarter pound.—Ex.

I wish to announce to my patrons and prospective buyers, that I am in New York purchasing merchandise for the coming season. I will remove to the store now occupied by Dr. D. W. Lewis, on or about March 25th, where I will have my Spring Opening, showing a full line of Furniture, Carpets, Mattings and Household Goods, also the Spring styles of Ladies' Ready-made Suits and Skirts, Corset Jackets, Shirt Waist Suits, Rain Coats and Waists.

A. F. POZZI, Middletown, Del.

The weather of Friday, Saturday and Sunday had much of the temperature of "the good old summer time" and it seemed that winter had changed suddenly into summer. It proved rather a sudden and unexpected change, for the people were not prepared to stand the heat. The singing of birds, croaking of frogs and even the bringing out of bees, was and other insects, reminded one that summer had come. A thunder storm passed over this section Sunday night leaving in its wake colder weather and rain, and the temperature changed into typical March weather.

## PERSONALITIES

Miss Florie Owens was a Wilmington visitor Tuesday.

Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry Ice Cream at MONTGOMERY'S.

When you buy goods buy them as cheap as you can. Get them at ARMSTRONG'S.

NOW is the time to buy your Winter Coal at the lowest price for the year. We will supply you with the purest, best coal in the market. G. E. HUKILL.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt expects to meet the Junior League this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Spring Millinery, ready-to-wear Hats, very pretty, from 50 cents to \$2.25. All the newest trimmed and untrimmed slaps at Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Miss Mary Adkins entertained her Sunday School class of little girls on last Friday evening at her home on East Main street.

Mr. George V. Peverly is having a cozy office building erected on the west side of the railroad, which will add to the beauty of that section of our town.

If you will clip the coupons which will appear in our ad during the month of April and bring them to our store between the 1st and 5th of May, you will receive a cash prize.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

The Ladies Century Club has moved its quarters from the room over the store of W. T. Connelley to the old TRANSCRIPT Building on South Broad street.

Rev. Anna Shaw, the talented lecturer, will visit Middletown on Thursday, April 13th, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and deliver one of her interesting lectures. The Opera House has been engaged for the occasion.

Wheat is looking unusually well for this season of the year, and if present indication count for anything, our farmers may expect large returns. It is believed that the heavy snow of the past winter has aided wheat materially.

We will have our new stock of Matting in the 1st of April. Prices from 12 cents to 25 cents per roll. 15 cents to 30 cents cut. Rugs, Pictures and Furniture for sale. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS FOR SALE.—Selected from my best pen at \$1.50 per setting of 15, or \$5.50 per 100. Pen No. 2, \$1.00 per setting, or \$4.00 per 100. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: Roll Call, Music, "Buddhist, the Japanese Ethical Code," Miss Mary Rothwell, "Some Phases of Recent Japanese Literature," Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd. Questions.

Braddon's big soda fountain opens for the "summer campaign to-day. There have been many improvements added for facilitating the big business done here, and the apparatus is more beautiful than ever before. "Meet me at the fountain."

Mr. William B. Hall will move his harness shop from Odessa to Middletown to-day, and take possession of the room now occupied by Mr. D. R. Rees, on North Broad street. Mr. Hall will be open for business on Monday next, and will be glad to have you call.

Mr. C. Malcolm Cochran has purchased of Misses Florence and Annie Crawford, the farm known as the "Crawford Farm," situated in Appoquinimink hundred containing 252 acres. The farm is now tenanted by Mr. William Lee, and is considered a most valuable tract of land.

The room recently vacated by Mr. George F. Lee on West Main street, has been leased by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and is now being equipped for a telephone office. The location is one of the most desirable in town, and will be a great convenience to the patrons of the Company. The office will be open for business about April 1st.

Miss Ada Scott entertained a few of her friends at St. Patrick's party last Friday evening. Games and vocal and instrumental music were indulged in. Refreshments were served, and at a late hour the guests departed for their homes, thanking their hostess for an enjoyable evening. Those present were: Misses Bertha Jones, Annie Denny, Prudence Lewis, Mary Gill, Jean Metten, Edith Gibbons and Ada Scott. Messrs. Victor Jones, Taylor Barnett, Reece Darlington, Ernest Sirman, Chester Davis and Norman Kumpel.

A public fair took place at Taylor's Bridge Monday of this week. Fur buyers from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and local buyers were present and lively bidding followed. The local buyers, however, were entirely shut out by the New York men, who bought in everything at the highest prices paid in years. Twenty-eight and one-half cents was the highest price paid for muskrats. Mink brought \$2.50 and skunk \$1.25. The catch of muskrats will not amount to over 15,000 this year in that vicinity as claimed, were never so scarce before as at present.

Easter falls upon a later date this year than it has for 19 years. Easter of this year is April 23d, and the Christian feast has not come so late in the season since 1886, when it fell on April 25th. This last date is the very latest on which Easter can come, and it will not fall again on that date until the year 1943. Easter has a range of 35 days on which it can fall. The earliest date is March 22d, and the latest is April 25th. In 1818 it fell on March 22d, and it will not do so again until the year 2285, which is too far distant to cause much worry among the present generation. When Easter fell on April 25th—the latest date—in 1886, it was the first time it had been so late since 1736. Easter will fall on April 23 in 1916, and again in the year 2000.

This is the time of year when business and professional men should provide their stationery for the year. Everybody who does a credit business should have a supply of bill heads, statements and receipts, in addition to printed letter heads and envelopes, and many farmers who make a specialty of raising stock or poultry would find that printed letter heads and envelopes would be greatly beneficial. Business cards of all kinds are too little used. In this age of traveling there is nothing that fits in so well as a printed card, which acts both as an introduction and a permanent reminder of a man and his business. It is a mistake to think that any business is too small to justify printed matter, which is really advertising. It is the small business, in fact, which needs it most. Let us give you an estimate on any kind of stationery you may be in need of. Our prices will interest you.

WE are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting. Also Seed Oats from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

## THE TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Teachers' Local Institute met in the principal's room of the Middletown public school on Saturday. A full account of foreign affairs was given by Miss Mary Lofland, on R-1 L. V. national affairs were discussed by Miss Elizabeth Harper, of Odessa, and the proceedings of the Delaware Legislature were dwelt upon by Harry Stradley, of Townsend.

The following interesting program was rendered: "Life of Bayard Taylor," Miss Anna Lynch, Mt. Pleasant; "Works of Bayard Taylor," Miss Bessie Fisher, Fieldboro; "Story of Lafa," Miss Elsie Jones, Middletown; "Leading Characters in 'Story of Kennet,'" Miss Anna Sharpless, of Townsend.

In the afternoon Professor Spaid gave his regular lesson in botany, and Professor Rhodes, of Wilmington, gave a lesson in drawing.

The next meeting will be held at Townsend on April 15th.

Among those present were Mrs. Ruth N. Rhodes, Mrs. Ida R. McCrone, Miss Helen Starr, Miss Mary H. Maxwell, Miss Katherine Ratledge, Miss Ida V. Howell, Miss Elizabeth R. Hall, Miss Elsie R. Jones, Miss Mary Ratledge, Miss Anna Denny and Miss Helen Davis, of Middletown; Miss Ethel Mailly, Miss Elizabeth Harper, Miss Lida Lloyd, Miss Cornelia Townsend, of Odessa; Miss Anna Lawson, Miss Ethel Outten, Miss May McFall, Miss Anna Sharpless, Miss Helen Case, Harry Stradley, of Townsend; Miss Josephine Salmon, Miss Lida Davis, of Summit Bridge; Miss Mary Lofland, Red Lion; Miss Dora Powell, Wyoming; Miss Francis Husbands, Blackbird; Miss Mary Price, McDonough; Miss Bessie Fisher, Fieldboro; Mrs. Elia Hurlock, Smyrna; Miss Anna Lynch, Mt. Pleasant.

## ODESSA

Mr. L. V. Aspril was a Wilmington visitor last week.

Watkins Packing Co. started this week to make cans for the coming packing season.

Miss Mary Gilch was a Philadelphia visitor from Saturday last until Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Harry Townsend, of Wilmington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend.

Mrs. Joseph H. Enos and sister, Mrs. G. E. Coppage, are spending this week in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. W. Naylor, of near town, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Crossan, in Wilmington.

Miss Burdette Rose entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Howard, of Havre de Grace, Md., part of last week.

Mrs. William Skellenger, of Wilmington, was entertained on Thursday by her brother, Mr. William H. Eccles.

Preston Stevens left Monday for Medford, N. J., where he will spend some time with his sister, Mrs. Fred Kumpel.

Mr. Alfred Stevens, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Miss Grace Moore has returned to her home in Royal Oaks, after a very pleasant visit here with friends and relatives.

Miss Frances Aspril entertained part of this week her friends Misses Dorothy Schumacher and Elizabeth M. Hume students of West Chester State Normal School.

Supt. A. R. Spaid, of Wilmington, gave his beautiful illustrated lecture "Delaware" on Thursday evening in the Odessa Hall for the benefit of the public school.

Friends of Miss Lulu Vinyard tended her surprise party on Friday evening of last week, it being her birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent in playing games. At a late hour refreshments were served, after which the guests departed wishing Miss Lulu many happy returns of the day.

Death again has entered our midst and taken from us Miss Jennie Dulin, oldest daughter of Elwood Dulin, who passed peacefully away on Friday afternoon, March 17th, about 5:30 P. M. Deceased had just passed her 25th birthday, and though a great sufferer nearly all her life, her death was a great shock. Hers was a beautiful christian life; bearing her affliction with fortitude and patience. She will be missed not only in her home but by the entire community. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon from the residence of her father, interment being made in Drawers' cemetery.

## WARWICK

Miss Helen Spear, of near Earlville, is the guest of Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

Mrs. William Merritt was a visitor in town last Saturday.

Prof. Guy Johnson visited Elkton relatives last Sunday.

Mr. A. D. Short who has resided in town since New Year's, has moved to a farm near Newark, Del.

The fish horn has resumed its duties after a short vacation.

Miss Florence Marshbank, of Elkton, was entertained at the home of Mrs. Wilson Merritt, from Saturday until Sunday.

Owing to a deficient voice the Rev. Frank Shaw Cain did not speak at either of his charges on Sunday. At this writing he is convalescing.

Amos R. Merritt and T. Bayard Vinyard spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. W. Luce has returned to his home in Washington, D. C., after spending a week with Mr. Elwood Williams.

Mr. Frank Sullivan who has been confined to his room for sometime with the rheumatism, is reported to be in a critical condition at this writing.

Mr. A. Wilson Cochran, of near Sassafra, was entertained by Mr. John H. M. Garner last Wednesday.

Miss Arabella Piser is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. Powell F. Johns was at Chesapeake City and Church Hill during the past week.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting this afternoon at 8 o'clock.

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## SASSAFRAS

Our grass and wheat are looking exceptionally well in this vicinity.

Miss Leah Vansant was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Atwell on Friday last.

Mr. Frederick Vansant and son Ray, of Wilmington, visited his family here over Sunday.

There were several fish wagons in town Wednesday—white and yellow perch, rock and cat fish.

Trappers along our marshes are catching quantities of muskrats since the break up of the ice.

The years first thunder storm on Sunday—heavy rain and brilliant electrical accompaniment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston entertained Mrs. William Gallagher, near Galena, on Wednesday.

Rev. T. C. Smoot and assistant Rev. A. P. Prettyman, of Galena, are to be returned to their charges and at Sassafra.

Mrs. John F. Ernest and sons Messrs. John F. and Douglas visited her mother, Mrs. J. Gunkel, of Warwick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and two daughters, Misses Mary and Lucy, were entertained by relatives in Middletown on Saturday.

Our public schools here have been closed since Monday, owing to the death of Prof. Peterson. School was resumed on Thursday morning.

There will be an oyster and poultry supper under the auspices of the Rehoboth M. P. Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Wednesday evening next.

Mr. W. L. Spry and little daughter, of Galena, were entertained from Saturday until Monday by his mother, Mrs. W. H. Spry. Mr. Spry expects to move to Virginia with his family shortly where he has accepted a position.

The death of our school examiner Prof. Joseph Peterson on Monday was a great shock to all. Prof. Peterson had for the past two weeks been under treatment at a hospital in Baltimore and there was every assurance of his speedy recovery and his return to his home in Chestertown.

The Steamer Susquehanna made the first trip here and to Georgetown and Sassafra river landing, last Tuesday since December 14th. The steamer was loaded with freight and passengers to her full capacity and received a hearty welcome all along the route.

## TOWNSEND

James L. Dickinson was in Philadelphia last week.

Olin Skeeps, of Philadelphia, visited town last week.

Mrs. W. W. Lynam visited Wilmington several days this week.

Sudler G. Weist, of Millington, visited James Garner over Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Baker, of Dover, visited Mrs. Harmon Reynolds, this week.

Miss Estella Vandye spent several days in Wilmington last week.

Mrs. Levi Atwell and son spent several days with her sister in Philadelphia.

Earl M. Schockley and Daniel E. Jones were visitors in Dover Wednesday last.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and daughter, Mrs. L. L. Malone, were in Wilmington last week.

David Atwell, of West Chester, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell near town.

The Union of Immanuel M. E. Church will give a Box Social next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Benjamin Edwards and family have returned home after spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Redmiles, of Still Pond, was the guest of Mrs. Catherine Hutchinson over Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Kelly and daughter, Mrs. John Lee, both of Camden, visited Mrs. Samuel Watts last week.

Miss Blanch Mitchell, of Hillsboro, and Miss Minnie Gale, of Queen Annes, are visiting friends in town.

Miss Sophie Ring, of Summit Bridge, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Buelah Naylor a few days this week.

Miss Anna R. Lawson, Miss May McFall and Miss Anna Sharpless spent Sunday at Miss McFall's home in Kent.

Mrs. Charles Larrimore, of Annapolis, Md., is now visiting in Seaford, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watts.

Mrs. Mortimer Gibson returned to her home in Kent Island, Saturday last, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hatchison.

Among those who attended Conference over Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones, G. M. D. Hart and Walter Hart.

## THE LEGISLATURE ABOLISHES PILORY

Delaware took an advanced step on Thursday afternoon when the House passed Senator Smith's bill to abolish the pillory as an institution of punishment in the State—the only commonwealth in which this relic of punishment that has descended from the colonial days of witchery and superstition, is still in vogue. But one dissenting voice, that of Representative Prettyman, was raised against the bill when it was put upon its final passage. Horace G. Knowles advocated the abolition of the pillory, and a letter from Chief Justice Charles B. Lore was read, asserting the necessity of the whipping post, but denying a continuance of the futile punishment by pillory. All that was required to relegate the pillory to New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties to the kindling of wood piles was the approval of Governor Lea who signed the bill Monday. The judiciary of the state favor the whipping post and it is hardly probable it will be abolished.

## CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLIS.

Wheat—No. 1, \$1.07 Corn—No. 2, 1.04 Yellow, shelled 50 Timothy Seed \$2.65 "cob 50 Clover Seed 10 1/2c Oats 50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz. 14c 1/2 Butter, per lb. 30 Creamery Butter, per lb. 35 Lard, per lb. 8c 1/2 Live Chickens, per lb. 12c 1/2 Potatoes, per basket. 25c 3/5

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## Wool Dress Goods and Cottons . . .

Spring of 1905 will be remembered as producing the most superb textile ever gotten out in one season. Our stock is simply unmatched in Mercerized Cottons and fine Silks and wool Dress Goods. And the prices marked should make this Spring business larger than ever.

12 1/2c per yard, Mercerized Taffeta, a beautiful soft material, highly mercerized, in foulard patterns, polka dots and plain colors.

12 1/2c per yard, printed Dotted Swiss.

12 1/2c per yard, new Percales, large line of patterns, one yard wide, best make.

7 1/2c per yard, new Dress Ginghams, in stripes and checks, in remnants, regular price 10c per yard.

22c per yard, figured Voile, a loose, open mesh weave cotton, looks like wool.

18c per yard, Cotton Mohair, looks like all wool mohair.

25c per yard, fine Mercerized White Goods, beautiful line of patterns, made to sell at 40c per yard.

50c per yard, White and Cream Mohair, in brilliant weaves, 38 inches wide.

50 to 90c per yard, new Spring Suitings, handsome stripes and mixtures, medium to dark colors.

\$1.00 and \$1.40 imported Broadcloths, in black and brown.

50c to \$1.00 per yard, Black Fabrics, in beautiful weaves.

50c to \$1.00 per yard, Fine Mohair, in blacks and checks.

New up-to-date line of ladies' Dress Skirts, in brown, black, stripes and mixtures, \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Women's Shirt Waists, mercerized, in black and white, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

38c per yard, lace stripe Persian Silks, all colors.

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## Great Clearance Sale of Men's Winter Clothing

In Order to Make Room for Spring Goods Coming in Daily

Men's Suits at \$3.50, worth \$5.50. Round corner sack coat, lined with Italian cloth, well made and stylish.

Men's Suits at \$5.00, worth \$8.00. Four button, round corner sack coat, lined with Italian cloth, all seams finished in narrow cord effect. That one of steel colored worsted, with small checks of black and mixed blue, is particularly dashing.

Men's Suits at \$7.50, worth \$10.00. Three button, round corner sack, of all-wool cheviot, double stitched edges, high padded shoulders, lined with all-wool serge. Will wear and keep its shape because it's well made.

Men's Spring Overcoats at \$5.00, \$7.00 and \$10.00.

## A BARGAIN IN CORSETS

About thirty of them, all styles, and worth up to \$1.50, all to go at 25c while they last. Don't miss this.

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# The Mystery of Lady Verrier

BY VIOLET M. FLINN

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

I went down to breakfast feeling very uncomfortable, but to my relief the table was laid only for one, and Susan, the general help, appeared to wait on me instead of Anne. She volunteered the information that her ladyship and the Signor were breakfasting in their own rooms.

"Maybe the storm frightened them," she said. "It was a very bad night. I heard all sorts of queer noises and doors banging, so I just put my head under the clothes and went to sleep."

After breakfast I went into the garden—sensibly for a walk, really to find Roberts.

"Did you post my letter?" I inquired eagerly when I came across him.

He drew himself upright and straightened his back slowly.

"Yes, miss. That is, I missed the cart. I went down to meet it, and it was a powerful long time coming; and then that gentleman friend of yours came past on his bicycle, and he said the mail had gone, so he took the letter and said he'd post it in Middleham."

My heart stood still with sudden dread.

"Roberts, whom do you mean?"

"That gentleman you took through the park about ten days ago. You said he wrote newspapers, miss."

He was struck by my expression and looked at me deprecatingly. "I hope it was all right, miss, my giving the letter to him, but I thought a friend of yours—"

"It is too late to say anything now," I answered, turning away. "We can only hope that it is all right."

I felt oppressed by a nervous over-whelming fear that seemed to increase every hour. I could not go out, and I hardly dared to move about the house, so I established myself in the window of the small oak-paneled room, whence I had a good view of the principal avenue.

I determined to possess my soul in patience until the afternoon, when I would go down to the far lodge in the hope that Nigel would be there.

No one invaded my solitude all the morning, and I was wondering if I should have a solitary luncheon, when I saw an open carriage appear at the foot of the avenue.

It contained three or four gentlemen. For a moment I thought they were my father, Sir Adam, and Nigel, but as it drew rapidly nearer I recognized them as Mr. Hull, his clerk, and two strangers; one of the latter was a fresh good-looking man, much bronzed, and the other, who was a good deal older, presented the appearance of an official.

The carriage drove round to the great door, and I heard the bell ring vigorously. Almost immediately after Lady Verrier rushed breathlessly into the room, and for an instant I thought that she had lost her senses. Her look was wild and distraught, and she caught my hand in hers.

"Oh, Ethel, they have come to take me to prison!" she gasped. "Oh, come with me! I dare not face them alone!"

But before I could reply the door was opened again and Anne's grim face revealed itself.

"Mr. Hull to see your ladyship," she said sourly, and as Lady Verrier tried to recover herself the woman added in a fierce undertone, "And be careful what you say. I'll kill you if you let anything out!"

And she looked murderous enough to keep her word. She frowned angrily at me as I moved by the side of the shrinking woman. "Mr. Hull has come on business, Miss Fothergill," she began, but I went past her as if I had neither seen nor heard.

The gentlemen were standing in a group in the middle of the great drawing-room. "Most disgraceful neglect!" I heard the youngest stranger say warmly, and Mr. Hull, fustier and more important than ever, assented with vigor.

"Good morning, Lady Verrier," he said as he entered. "Morning, Miss Fothergill!"

Er—may I introduce Sir Reginald Verrier?"

The young man bowed stiffly, but with an air of calm in his tanned face.

"Er—we shall be talking of painful private matters, Lady Verrier," the lawyer began, and glanced at me, but the poor lady pressed my hand.

"I wish Miss Fothergill to stay," she said faintly.

There was an awkward pause. Sir Reginald fidgeted from one foot to the other and the lawyer and his clerk shuffled papers; only the second stranger seemed to be composed. He kept in the background, but his eyes were fixed on Lady Verrier. At length the lawyer spoke.

"Lady Verrier, it is my painful duty to inform you that a very grave suspicion has fallen upon you. I can only trust that you will be able to remove it at once."

I received information yesterday morning that a lady had sold some diamonds which the jeweler who bought them had reason to believe were not her own. He came to me to see if I could identify them, and to my astonishment I discovered that they were the Verrier diamonds, which are heirlooms in the family, and which now belong to Sir Reginald. My last knowledge of the jewels was that, at your particular request, I had lent them here on my previous visit. May I ask whether you have discovered the source to have been opened?"

There was a pause. Lady Verrier's lips opened, but closed again. I could see by Mr. Hull's face that he thought she was framing some plausible story.

"I took the diamonds and sold them in London," she answered at length.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the lawyer. "What on earth made you do that?"

"I—I wanted the money," she said feebly, and I felt her lean more heavily upon me.

Mr. Hull laughed shrilly.

baronet muttered, looking exceedingly uncomfortable. "I wish to goodness I'd stayed in America!" he added hoarsely. "If I had had any idea that this place was in this condition I would never have come. It wants thousands to put it in order, and you tell me that I shall not have five hundred a year. Of course, Lady Verrier has a right to do as she pleases with her own money, though—I don't include heirlooms; but I must confess that I am disappointed that she has not seen fit to keep the place habitable."

I could feel her tremble violently, and I could bear it no longer.

"I must speak!" I exclaimed impetuously. "I cannot allow Lady Verrier to be blamed for what she cannot help. Owing to circumstances which I do not know, Lady Verrier has married again, and—"

But I got no farther. My voice was drowned in the clowns which my words evoked. Mr. Hull's shrill tones rose above the rest.

"Married again?" Then he turned to the young man. "Sir Reginald, you lose all the money now. In the event of Lady Verrier having no children and making a second marriage, all the money which had been at Sir Jasper's disposal becomes her own entirely, according to her father's will. The Verriers would lose all interest in it."

The baronet turned, evidently to make some inquiry; but at that moment the door opened and Sir Adam Gordon entered the room, followed by Nigel and another man. My great astonishment and sense of joy and relief found utterance in a cry; but Sir Adam took no notice of me. He strode to Lady Verrier's side, and looked down at her with tender eyes which were filled with the deepest pity.

"My poor girl! My poor little lassie!" he said softly. He turned to the others, and nodded curtly to the lawyer. "Gentlemen, I do not know on what business you are here, but—"

"Mine is—"

But he got no further. I had been standing facing the window with the view of the lake and the wood beyond. As Sir Adam was speaking I saw a figure that seemed strangely familiar creeping along under the trees. I clutched Nigel's arm and pointed with a trembling finger.

They all turned and watched the fugitive figure as it crept slowly and stealthily into the shelter of the wood. Sir Adam's voice died away. No one seemed to be able to stir. We were fascinated, spell-bound, by the strange movements of the man, when suddenly a second figure leaped out from amongst the undergrowth, and we saw the long blade of a knife flash in the sunshine. The next moment it was buried in the fugitive's back. The man fell forward heavily, but no sound broke the stillness, nor did the murderer move at once. No sudden, so startling had the whole incident been that it was not until the assassin had disappeared again that any of us realized what had happened. Then Nigel and Sir Reginald dashed through the window and ran down the garden, while we all followed as best we could.

The men were gathered round the still outstretched body when Lady Verrier and I reached the spot, and Sir Adam put out his arms as a barrier to us.

"Keep back, Kitty," he said softly. "It is no sight for you."

She shook her head wildly.

"Adam, is it he?" she gasped; and as she read the answer in his face, she flung up her arms with a cry of sudden freedom, and then dropped senseless into his arms.

When I caught a glimpse of the long thin form I uttered a cry of amazement. A white wig had half fallen from the head, and disclosed fair hair beneath, while the bushy eyebrows and the thick brown stain and drawn lines made the stiff dead face grotesque.

"Nigel," I gasped, "it is Signor Sergi!"

But he drew me gently away.

"No, dear," he said softly—"he was Sir Jasper Verrier."

CHAPTER IX

It was not until many days afterwards that I learned the whole truth of the mystery which had surrounded Lady Verrier. The body of the man whom I had known as Sergi was carried back to the house. Life was quickly extinct. The long thin Italian figure, driven by a steady hand that was prompted by a cool determined brain, had pierced him to the heart. I saw that dagger only once again; but I noticed then that it had engraved on the blade the words, "The reward of a traitor to the cause."

The cool cynical smile still lingered on Sir Jasper Verrier's features. He was an older man than I had fancied when he had looked many years younger than he was. The funeral was a very quiet one, and only Sir Adam, Nigel, and the new baronet followed "wild Verrier" to his last resting place.

For the next few days the Court was alive with keen-faced men of business, who had long interviews with Sir Adam Gordon. But our thoughts were centred in Lady Verrier, who was dangerously ill. Her overwrought system had given way, and for days she bawled deliriously for her life. It was awful to listen to her, but I dared not leave her even when the lawyer had arrived and had placed two trained nurses in charge.

It was only from her incoherent ravings that I really gauged the depths of her suffering during her married life and her supposed widowhood. She was by nature a sensitive, high-spirited, and extremely refined woman, and she had been subjected to a martyrdom intensely degrading and shameful to a person of her temperament. Nor had her suffering been entirely mental, for, as my father soon discovered, she had been drugged. I remembered with a shudder the conversation which I overheard, and we did not doubt that it was the work of the unscrupulous Anne, who had disappeared. She had given vent to one wild outburst over her dead master, and was never again seen alive. She had been strangely devoted to the man whom she had known as a baby, and she had regarded Lady Verrier as a tie and drag upon him. It was this slow poisoning which had weakened and enfeebled Lady Verrier so much as to cause her to submit passively to all the directions and

orders which had been laid upon her. I shall never forget Sir Adam's face when this became known to him. I felt almost glad that Anne was not within his reach. It was on one afternoon after Lady Verrier had been pronounced out of danger that Nigel told me the whole story of Sir Jasper's desperate scheme as we were pacing up and down the avenue.

"It happened, curiously enough," he said. "That the evening before I received your letter I was dining with a man who was the solicitor to several large insurance companies. Something brought up the question of frauds on the companies, and incidentally he mentioned that there had been much delay and some doubt about paying the insurance on Sir Jasper Verrier's policies. He had taken them out for very large amounts only a few months before, and it had struck everybody as strange that a man, who was well-known as an expert swimmer, should have been unable to save himself when he fell overboard in a perfectly calm sea. But so many witnesses had been present, and Lady Verrier's evidence was so strongly confirmed by the servant—Anne—that the companies had to decide to pay."

"But do you think that Lady Verrier knew that he had only pretended to drown himself?" I asked.

"I am certain that he did not! I should think that he was dead, although I should think that her suspicions were aroused when she got to England and found that Sir Jasper had left a sealed packet for her 'to be opened at his death.' In this—for Sir Adam and I have found and read the letter—he commanded her to go to the Court and to live there for a year, and in the meantime to turn all she could into solid cash. This she did, for you must remember that she was entirely under his dominion, and that Anne, who was in his secret, had already commenced her plot to kill her by means of drugs."

"While she was delirious," I said, "I learned that Sir Jasper took all her money for himself, that sometimes when she was alone in Italy she was starving! I wonder that she could stand it! I would not!"

Nigel laughed.

"No—you are of a different calibre. I should like to see the man who would attempt to starve you. But poor Lady Verrier is a weak dependent woman, and far too gentle and yielding to stand alone. It was a cruel fate for her. But to continue. The next morning I received your letter, and, finding that I could not get away at once, I determined to devote some time to inquiry into Verrier's history. I discovered easily that when he had died—for I had no suspicion that he was not drowned—he had been deeply involved in debts and difficulties of all sorts, and that he was in short a very bad character. I was still full of the subject when I met a man whom I had known very intimately in Paris. He was the same man who had once told me a good deal about various secret political movements and societies, and had introduced me to the real Sergi."

"As we chatted I mentioned quite accidentally the name which was uppermost in my mind. To my surprise, La Vigne instantly worked himself into a furious passion, and I gathered enough from his incoherent words to learn that Verrier had once belonged to one of these societies, and had proved false to his oath. 'If he were not dead,' La Vigne exclaimed, 'I doubt sometimes if he is—I would follow him to the world's end and kill him myself!'"

"And do you think that he was the man who passed himself off as Ollett?" I asked in a breathless whisper.

"No—I know that he was not. But it is quite clear to me that the society to which Verrier had once belonged had his suspicions as to his demise, and was having the Court watched as a precautionary measure. The *société* Ollett was evidently one of its members, and I believe when you told him that Sergi was staying in the house he supposed him to be the real man who was bound on the same errand as himself. Well, I came down here and saw you, and at that I was inclined to believe that Lady Verrier had been inveigled into a marriage with some foreign adventurer. It was when you described the Signor's voice to me that I first began to suspect that Verrier had never died at all. For I remembered a visit which I had once paid to a country house when one afternoon he had disguised himself as an old country parson. I shall never forget the naturalness of the creaking breaking voice which he assumed then—so different from his ordinary soft smooth tones, which your description agreed with it exactly."

"I went back to London and I saw La Vigne, and from him I got the whole story of misplaced trust and perjured faith that had not stopped short at deliberate murder. I no longer wondered that the society was determined to track him to death, as they surely did. But it was a bold scheme, and worthy of the man's audacious brain, to come back to his own house under the name and in the disguise of his arch enemy. It would have thrown the most suspicious off the track, as it did your Mr. Ollett."

"But not for long," I said, under my breath. "It was because he got my letter, Nigel—the one intended for you—that he came back!"

"No, it was not! Do not think that again!" Nigel declared. "There is no doubt that he telegraphed to London to know Sergi's whereabouts, and when he discovered that he was still in town the whole plot burst upon him. He would know that there was only one man who was likely to personate Sergi."

"And the end? How came you here with Sir Adam?" I asked.

"That was purely accidental. I met Sir Adam in the Strand. He had returned from his cruise and was going down to see you, he said; but really, I believe, to propose to Lady Verrier. Imagine his feelings when I told him everything! You know, his idea was to have a thorough exposure of the whole business; but of course it was all taken out of our hands."

I pondered for a time. Already the events of the mysterious fortnight which I had spent at Verrier Court were looking distant and dim, and I was inclined to scoff at my past fears.

"I wonder what Sir Jasper meant about the will?" I remarked suddenly.

"He wanted all the money he could get, and above all he wanted Lady Verrier to make a will in Anne's favor. Had she done so—and I believe she would not have had the strength of mind to have held out much longer against

them—there is not a shadow of doubt that her life would soon have been at an end, and her money would have been practically his. But for your action in the matter she would have been a dead woman by now."

There is but little more to tell. Sir Adam took all Lady Verrier's business affairs into his own hands. The diamonds were restored, and much of the money that Sir Jasper had got from his wife was recovered, but it went very little way towards disburdening the estate from its financial embarrassments.

No one who knew Lady Verrier was at all surprised that she insisted upon making a will in Sir Reginald's favor and allowing him the amount which Sir Jasper had been paid by his marriage settlement. She thought that it was only just reparation, but my father said that it was ridiculous that she should reduce herself to an allowance of a few hundred pounds in order to gratify a quixotic whim. He was surprised that Gordon should have aided her in such an act. But Nigel and I fancied that we knew the desire of his honest true heart—that for the future she should be dependent upon him alone.

Sir Reginald made an exceedingly good owner of the Court estate, and his colonial experience stood him in good stead. His marriage, which was able to redeem the family fortunes, as well as to become the adoring husband of one of the most charming girls whom I have ever known.

The great house is dreary and silent no longer. Fair heads and rosy faces cluster round the table, and the new branch of the family promises to redeem the misdoings and wrongs of their predecessors.

Sir Adam and Lady Verrier were married very quietly—so quietly that even I knew nothing of it until it was all over. They are intensely happy and altogether absorbed in each other. He thinks that she is all that a woman ought to be—sweet, gentle, yielding, while as for her—well, there is always one subject on which Lady Gordon and I are in perfect union. But often when I look at her I wonder if she is the same woman who had roused my pity and compassion and contempt in those far-off days.

I do not know if anyone will be interested to hear that I married Nigel Buchanan.

THE END.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Little Paragraphs That Will Interest Every Member of the Household

What was it you intended to have done before spring?

Clean out the poultry house, renew the nests, whitewash the walls and boxes—get ready for business.

An agricultural paper says you can destroy the morning glories in your farm by plowing a path right after a rain.

Kansas is to engage in the refining oil; Illinois will operate a packing plant and Minnesota is to engage in the manufacture of reapers.

The Philippine Islands exported mostly to this country, hemp fiber, the value of \$16,000,000 last year. This fiber formed the basis of most of the cordage—rope, binding twine and the like—which is used here.

A farmer once said to a friend: "The moon has everything to do with fresh meat. Sausage made from pork killed in the dark of the moon will decrease and dry up 25 per cent, while that killed in the light of the moon will expand nearly a third." What do you think about it?

The best and safest investment for the young man of to-day is land. Its income can be figured almost as readily as that on government bonds, and it is bound to increase in value greatly, as the area of good corn land is limited and the uses to which the grain is being put are being multiplied.

Mr. Wilson of the Department of Agriculture is a good figure. He has won the U. S. Hen laid 20,000,000 eggs last year. To count them on 50 a minute and working eight hours a day, would take him 1893 years, and then he would get turned out of the union for counting overtime. The eagle may soar and scream in America but the hen lays it all over him.

Twenty-five thousand sea turtles perished in an inlet of the sea near Orlando, Florida, where they breed and are fattened for the New York market which two men are getting very busy about just now, and who are planning to ship twenty thousand curious creatures to an eastern market, where they are considered a great table delicacy, and will bring the sum of fifteen dollars each.

Here are some facts that might be painted over every door in the barn lot: Young stock should be kept growing. It should be kept thrifty. Keep the feed boxes clean and see that the feed is eaten by the animal to which it is given. Clean up the lots where playful animals run—old dogs, mowers, plows, etc. It is cheaper to keep such things out of the way than to doctor up a wounded colt. A mind that will think, and an energy that will do, are worth money in the barn lot.

A western railway has undertaken to solve the nuisance of the snow blockades in the winter by planting evergreen trees along the cuts on its right of way. From what we have noticed of the work of trees in connection with drifting snow we should think that trees planted along a right of way which is usually a hundred feet in width would do more harm than good, being too near the track. They would do admirable work, however, if planted a distance of five or six rods from the track.

One of the most paying crops, where a man wishes to put a good bit of labor on a small piece of land is onions. They always make a profit on them and often a good big profit. They will do well on almost any land, but of course will do best on good rich land. A yield of 30 bushels per acre is about an average, but I have had them up to 750 bushels per acre and have known of cases of even bigger yields. Price onions in the stores now and you can figure out for yourself what there is in it.

There is nothing small about Uncle Sam in matters of serving his people. A two-cent stamp carries a sealed letter to any place in the United States or Canada. One price to everybody. The humblest individual who may not write more than one letter a month pays the same postage as the big concern that uses thousands of them daily. No discount for large quantities. The same invariable rates would govern railway transportation—"square deal for everybody." This is what the public has the right to expect and it will be satisfied with nothing less.

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THEODORE'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS. THE STATE OF DELAWARE. TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Mary C. Connell, by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court, praying for a decree dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Michael F. Connell.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Michael F. Connell, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary C. Connell, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf, as to the said marriage, and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Sixth day of February, A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Prothonotary.

REGISTERED ORDER.

RECEIVED OF WILLIS OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL. Feb. 1, 1905.

Upon the application of John A. Davis, Administrator of Benjamin F. Davis late of Blackbird Hundred in said county deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of the estate of the said deceased to the heirs at law of the said deceased, by the date of granting the foregoing order, to wit: the first day of May next, to the effect that the said heirs at law of the said deceased, to wit: the said John A. Davis, Administrator of the said estate of the said Benjamin F. Davis, late of Blackbird Hundred in said county deceased, do appear before the Judges of our said Superior Court, at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third of May next, to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary C. Connell, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf, as to the said marriage, and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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